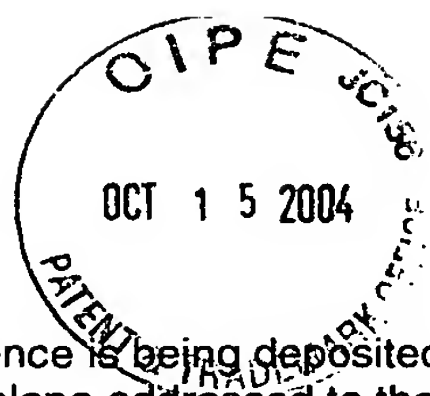


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applic. No. : 10/642,545 Confirmation No: 1981  
Applicant : Frank Meyer-Güldner et al.  
Filed : August 15, 2003  
Title : Device for Connecting the Terminal Pins of a Housing for an Optical Transmission and/or Receiving Device having a Circuit Board and Conductor Configuration for Such a Device  
Art Unit : 2811  
Examiner : Nitin Parek  
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R E S P O N S E

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated September 24, 2004, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the Office action for the above-identified application, applicants elect group I, the species of Figs. 1-5, for prosecution at this time.

The following claims read on the elected species of Figs. 1-5: claims 21-40.

In light of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of all of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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